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Social and Personal

Three lovely functions for the younger girls and boys home from school for the holidays were among the notable affairs yesterday. Miss Ellen Wallace, John Gordon Wallace and Miss Bland Cox entertained at an attractive dance at "Ellerslie," the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wallace, on the Cary Street Road, last evening. The entire lower floor was thrown open for the dancing and was decorated in red, white, and green. The mantles and scarlet flowers. The mantles were banked with evergreens and poinsettias, and garlands of green around the chandeliers, from which were suspended big crimson bells tied with red ribbon. An orchestra, screened by palms and bay trees, played for the dancing, which was opened with a grand march, and a buffet supper was served at 10 o'clock. There were all sorts of novel and interesting favors for the 100 guests present, and a special car conveyed the girls and boys back to Richmond after the party. The hosts received in the drawing-room, with Miss Sarah Price, of Norfolk, who is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Henry Cannon, at the Chesterfield.

Mrs. John A. Coke, of 7 West Franklin Street, gave a lovely tea yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock for Miss Barbara James and Miss Emily Coke Flanagan. The parlors were decorated with a variety of Christmas greens and flowers, and a big basket of pink roses was arranged on the tea table. Misses Gene Hock and Katherine Cabell were at the piano, and Miss Martha Malloy assisted the hostesses in doing the honors of the afternoon. About seventy schoolgirls were invited.

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Christmas Party.

A delightful Christmas party was given by Nelson and Virgie Parker at their home, 2801 East Grace Street, in honor of little Miss Celeste Ferguson, of Baltimore, who is visiting here. Among those present were Misses Naomi Fowler, Grace Bradley, Margaret Reed, Margaret Smith, Ruth Spain, Edith Shaw, Helen Gill, Lillian, Audrey Gill, Katherine Melton, Virginia Talley, Cecil Traylor, of Newport News; Messrs. Emmett Winder, Temple Winder, Bradley Anderson, Despot Fowler, Wesley Tignor, of the Melton, N. Parker, George Whitworth, Carrington Carney, Leslie Spain and Howard Gill. The chaperons included Mrs. Frank Hamet Rowe, Mrs. B. P. Womble, Mrs. Joseph Ferguson, of Baltimore, and Miss Laura Parker.

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EDWARD GREY SLATED TO SUCCEED ASQUITH

Publicly Stated at Banquet Recently Given in Honor of Bryce.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENAY.

THAT Sir Edward Grey, K. G., Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is to succeed Herbert Asquith as Prime Minister, was publicly stated at the banquet given by the National Liberal Club in London, in honor of Ex-Ambassador James Bryce, by the president of the club, the Marquis of Lincolnshire, K. G.

There is no one who stands higher in the councils of the Liberal party than Lord Lincolnshire, who, until last year, was a member of the cabinet, from which he withdrew on account of advancing years. He has, indeed, for thirty years or more been one of the powers of Liberalism, and has held many high offices, some of which, such as that of Lord Great Chamberlain of England, he retains. He is also on terms of the greatest intimacy with King George and Queen Mary, his younger brother, Sir William Carrington, having been the comptroller of the household until their accession to the throne, and since then the keeper of the sovereign's privy purse. Moreover, Lord Lincolnshire was perhaps the closest friend of King Edward, from the latter's youth until his death.

It may be therefore safely taken for granted that Lord Lincolnshire spoke with the knowledge and consent of King George, of Premier Asquith, and of that Liberal party of which he is one of the most respected and influential leaders, when, at the Bryce banquet, he referred to the confidence with which all present looked forward to the time when Sir Edward Grey would be called "by the sovereign to the highest post that a subject could fill." "When that time comes," he added, "no more worthy person can this great task be imposed than on him."

That Sir Edward enjoys the confidence of the King, to a greater degree than any other member of the administration has often been reported, is pretty authoritatively known, and was strikingly demonstrated when George V. bestowed upon him the Order of the Garter, the first commoner to receive that distinction since the great Sir Robert Walpole, in the reign of George II.

Of the weight of his voice within the Cabinet, evidence was given when he was able to compel the surrender by Lord Haldane of the seals of Secretary of State for war, and his transfer to the woollack, in consequence of the confusion that had been caused by his (that is, Haldane's) unauthorized negotiations at Berlin with the German Chancellor and Foreign Minister, without the knowledge or approval of Sir Edward and of the English Foreign Office.

Sir Edward Grey's designation as the successor of Herbert Asquith, in the lofty office of Prime Minister of the British Empire, for he is the head of the imperial government—is calculated to reassure those who viewed with apprehension the alarming possibility of either Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, or Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, securing the premiership on the impending retirement of its present incumbent.

Speculation is rife as to the future of Herbert Asquith after his surrender of the premiership, which he finds too exhausting for his health and too costly for his purse. There is no doubt that he would have liked to have had the high chancellorship, which would have given him double the salary which he now receives, namely, \$50,000, and a retiring pension of \$25,000 a year for the remainder of his life. But political considerations rendered it impracticable for him to take the woollack when it was vacated by Lord Lorne.

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burn, and it went instead to Lord Haldane, who would not dream of abandoning it merely to oblige the Asquiths.

What is more probable is that Herbert Asquith will receive the office of a Lord Justice of appeal, which carries with it a salary of \$30,000 a year, for which, as an eminent lawyer, he would be particularly well fitted, and which he could retain until the end of his days. It would involve his elevation to the House of Lords, either with a hereditary peerage or as a mere life peer.

The Asquiths are very far from rich. For although Herbert Asquith had formerly a very lucrative practice at the bar, yet he had been too continuously in office, with a salary of less than a quarter of what he was formerly making, to admit of his having any private fortune.

Mrs. Asquith has always been described as a great heiress, owing to her having been the most conspicuous of the daughters of the very rich manufacturer of chemicals, the late Sir Charles Tennant. But people seem to forget that Sir Charles had no less than sixteen children by his two wives, that his second marriage, at the age of seventy-five, was dissolved by Mrs. Asquith and by his elder children, and that which found expression in his will. In spite of his advanced years, he had four children by this second marriage, and very handsomely provided for them and for his widow, at the expense of Mrs. Asquith and of his elder children, always excepting his eldest son, Edward, now Lord Glenconner, who inherited the chemical business and the bulk of his fortune. Therefore, neither Herbert Asquith nor yet his wife, is well off, and certainly not possessing the means to enjoy in a suitable manner a hereditary peerage. That is why the Premier on his retirement is likely to content himself with a life peerage, which, moreover, would be much less keeping with his frequent condemnation of the system of hereditary honors.

France is by no means the only country that has a foreign legion. People are aware of the fact that Hainan Island, who employs several regiments of foreign mercenaries in her East Indian colonies. But that Germany started some time ago a foreign legion, for service in her African dependencies, is, I believe, not generally known.

Curiously enough, a number of those who volunteer for service in this foreign legion of the German army are Frenchmen, just in the same way that a large percentage of the recruits of the foreign legion of France are natives of Germany.

It was but the other day that one of the official publications of the general staff of the German army printed at Berlin a eulogistic notice of the death, in fighting against the Hottentots in German West Africa, in a sharp engagement, at a place called Ottomass, of a French volunteer named Ruet, who had served eight years in the French army in Southwest Africa, and who had also taken part under the French flag in the invasion and conquest of Madagascar, where he had been wounded and decorated for gallantry. And then the notice went on to add that "in Southwest Africa, in the service of Germany, he also showed himself to be in the eyes of his commanding officers a particularly useful and gallant soldier."

Sir Colin Keppel, who has just been promoted to the rank of vice-admiral in the British navy, is a son of the late Sir Harry Keppel, admiral of the fleet, and who, at the time of his death, near 100 years of age, was the ranking officer of the senior service. The name of Keppel has figured in the English navy list ever since Sir Augustus Keppel was appointed a midshipman in 1735, that is to say, some 180 years ago; subsequently being raised to the peerage as Viscount Keppel for his naval victories, and becoming First Lord of the Admiralty.

This record is surpassed, however, by that of the Seymour family, who have supplied officers to the royal navy, without a single break, since the reign of King Henry VIII., over 200 years ago, when Sir Thomas Seymour combined the offices of lord high admiral and master-general of the ordnance. A Seymour served as vice-admiral against the Spanish Armada, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; while another Seymour was killed while in command of his ship, in the English victory over Admiral De Ruyter, in July, 1666. Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Seymour represented Great Britain at the Hudson-Pulton celebration three years ago in New York. (Copyright, 1913, by the Brentwood Company.)

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